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## FOR THEIR COUNTRY

If the officers and men of the U. S. submarine F-4 shall not be found, they will have given their lives for their country just as truly as though death had come to them in naval action. The names of these twenty-one brave men will be inscribed upon the roll of those who died for the United States.

The prayer is on every lip that somehow, by some miracle, the F-4 will be brought to the surface with the men in her alive. If not, they will not have died in vain. They were engaged in the patriotic duty of preparing their country for defense in case of war. When the submarine went out of the harbor yesterday morning, it was not for an idle cruise, not for a purposeless trip. It went out in the course of its practice duty as a member of the flotilla designed to defend Honolulu in case of aggression by any foreign foe.

The officers and crew of the F-4 met disaster in the course of their duty. For the sorrowing wives and families that await their coming, who hope against hope, it will forever be a matter of solemn pride that their husbands, brothers, fathers have taken their places among the country's heroes.

### THE REPUBLICANS IN 1916.

Wilson's term is half over. It is time to look to the next. Already the political prognosticators of the capital are figuring out the lineup for the 1916 race. That it will be Wilson for the Democrats is generally conceded. Only Mr. Wilson himself can prevent that. On the Republican side, however, speculation is as wide as the sea. There are a half dozen men to be considered. One of the analyses of the field is that by "McGregor," Washington correspondent of Harper's Weekly. He says:

"If Borah, with his undoubted ability and unblemished integrity, lived a few thousand miles nearer the heart of things, the prospects for his nomination would be excellent. He stood with Roosevelt against the iniquitous proceedings of the Chicago convention, and for him while remaining in the Republican party. He is not liked by the conservationists but has generally been noted for his pro-activeness. Of all the names prominently mentioned his would be the best for attracting the remaining Progressives back into the Republican fold. It may be that the Republicans will consider it a good plan to get away from the factional fights of the eastern and central states and look to the far West for this candidate. In which case his name will be Borah."

"Mann is one of the most intelligent and painstaking legislators this country has ever seen. He generally knows more about a bill than its author or the chairman of the committee reporting it. But his fellowship has been with the reactionary members of his party and in 1916 we are all going to be as progressive as can be. Nor has the country ever looked to the House of Representatives for a president. Weeks is an able senator, broad-minded, clear-headed. If a man who would be eminently satisfactory to the business interests is desired, his party might go further and fare worse. And it is time that New England were having a president, her last occupant of the White House being Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire, a Democrat."

"Cummins' platform on which he speaks most frequently, with almost tearful solemnity, is the non-interference by the executive with Congress. Here is the gist of his contention in a single quotation: 'The functions of the White House do not begin until the work at the capitol ends.' But is that not a rather singular platform on which to appeal for a nomination to the presidency? Suppose Roosevelt had contented himself with vetoing and approving bills? Would he have been elected to his second term? Certainly if Woodrow Wilson had done only that, it would be a walk-over for any Republican candidate in 1916."

All of which leaves out the great conjecture. What about Roosevelt? Will he stand by the already moribund Progressives? Or will he take the Republican party as enlightened and be its standard bearer? Or will he be content to lie fallow for four years? Much depends on the Colonel.

The Sultan of Sulu with all the human flings cast at him by humorists has one advantage over other sultans—he's a long, long way from the war-zone.

## SAYS ACCIDENTS DON'T DISPROVE CRAFT'S VALUE

Referring to the loss of life in submarine accidents, the Scientific American of January 31 said:

"It is the loss of life, not the loss of property, that is the real tragedy in the past ten years to

some 300 officers and men, which has occurred through accidents to submarines. We must not allow these disasters to shake our faith in the efficiency and safety of the modern up-to-date vessel of this type."

"In the first place, it is significant that of the 77 men that have been lost in the British service, the greater part have gone down in submarines of the earliest type built for that navy, and known as the A-1 class. So, also, the disasters in the French navy have generally happened to submarines of the earlier and more or less experimental types. That even these cruder vessels can be operated with safety is proved by the fact that we have in our own navy several submarines

of practically the same design as those that have been lost in the British navy, and yet we have never lost a submarine, nor the life of a single man."

"The submarines which have been built during the past four or five years and these now under construction, are greatly superior to the first smaller vessels. As a matter of fact, among our own officers it is considered that no special risk attaches to submarine service. Our submarine flotillas come and go as they please and do not hesitate to make extensive deep-sea voyages; as witness the recent 700-mile trip of several of these craft from Cuba to the Atlantic entrance of the Panama canal."

### THERE ARE OTHERS.

The territorial legislature is not the only law-making body which finds valid objection to features of the Wilson-Underwood tariff law. Here is this from the state of Washington:

OLYMPIA, Feb. 9.—The house today passed a memorial calling upon Congress to repeal the Underwood tariff bill, declaring it crippled the shingle and lumber industry of the state; doing also great harm to the farmers, poultry raisers, sheep and beef sugar industry. The resolution passed by only 20 votes against, with 75 in favor.

The whole Pacific Coast is suffering from the effects of Democratic legislation. What has kept Hawaii not only from depression but from widespread economic disaster is the high price of sugar caused by the war. It is noticeable that the vague report during the last few days that the war might soon be over has caused almost a stagnation in the stock market, though sugar prices have been steadily advancing. At the first definite report of prospective peace, stocks will probably take a tumble.

### PEACE WITH HONOR.

Robert Lansing, counsellor of the state department, a patriotic American, an authority on international law, gave this toast at a recent dinner:

"To Our Country: May She Continue in Peace With Honor!"

It is no easy task that the United States is carrying out. The sympathies of her people are divided; the hearts of some are with the Allies because of blood-ties; of others with the Teutons for the same strong reason. In the terrible grip of international strife, many of the subjects of belligerent nations on both sides believe America should intervene. Thus the leaders of this nation not only must bear the criticism of Americans of European ancestry whose judgment has been wrenched and distorted by natural warmth of racial sentiment, but the criticism of those abroad who often sincerely attempt to enlist America for their cause.

The report that Karl Liebknecht, the noted German Socialist, has been mustered into active service so that he cannot vote against the war budget needs to be taken with a precautionary grain of salt. Liebknecht has been the center of several rumors since the war began which later proved to be untrue. One of them was that he had been executed for leading an opposition to the war. It was several months before the falsity of this report was definitely established in the outside world.

The German embassy has disposed of the charge that American ammunition firms were shipping "dum-dum" bullets to the Allies. Investigation has proved it untrue—as it has proved untrue many other charges.

The king of Italy is said to be an expert in coins. He will need to be if Italy has to stand a war-tax anything like that of the other belligerents.

The latest war question relates to the proclamation of Gallipoli.

## STAR-BULLETIN'S 'EXTRA' GIVES CITY FIRST AUTHENTIC NEWS OF LOSS OF SUBMARINE OFF HARBOR

It was not until after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon that the news of the submarine's loss was known to any extent in Honolulu.

The seal of silence set on naval officers and sailors and on civilian employees was virtually absolute. None of them would talk.

The first alarm given in the city was from casual observers who noticed that something unusual was happening off the harbor. The speeding of launches to and fro, the movements of the Alert and the Navajo and other activity indicated that something out of the ordinary was happening. Within a short time newspaper telephones were ringing with inquiries and all night long the newspaper phones were kept busy.

Star-Bulletin First on the Scene.

At the first hint that something had gone amiss in the submarine fleet the

Star-Bulletin secured a launch and sent two representatives to the scene. The Star-Bulletin was first on the spot where the search was being prosecuted and secured the first authentic news that the submarine was lost.

Meanwhile the Star-Bulletin office an "extra" was being prepared. Members of the Holakia crew, coming ashore, brought to the waterfront the first news indicating that the missing craft was the F-4. When the Star-Bulletin launch returned from the scene, bringing the confirmation given by Lieut. Smith, in charge of the search, to the Associated Press and this paper, the "extra" was put on the street. Within five minutes, it seemed, everybody in Honolulu had the news and was telephoning to the newspaper office asking for additional details. From that time until midnight the telephones of this paper were kept almost ceaselessly busy.

## MEN OF OTHER SUBMARINES ARE STIRRED

Some Hopeful It Will Come Up, Others Fear Their Mates Are Lost

Feeling among the boys of the three more fortunate sister submarines of the F-4 has become more and more tense as the hours of search go by with no definite signs of locating the sunken submarine. Some try to cover their agitation with a shrug of the shoulders. Others express hope in a few words. Most of the members of the flotilla are taciturn and resigned to whatever fate has in store.

One philosopher of the F-2 said there was only a difference of 2 numerically, and it could have as well been his vessel as the F-4 which failed to come up.

Another, when asked for a little light on the disaster, said: "I am a Chinese—no sabe."

Five of the F-4's crew were regular attendants at the Y. M. C. A. and took active part in bowling and Y. M. C. A. games. Clark G. Buck, Archie Linger, Harry Colver, George Ashcroft and Francis Thompson were in the Y. M. C. A. daily. Buck was also a member of the night classes. Last night was the first he has missed.

## GERMAN VESSEL IN TOUCH WITH F-4 LAST NIGHT

A faint throb indicated by the receiving apparatus installed in the German warship Pommern was believed last night to have come from the F-4. The Pommern was fitted with a modern submarine sounding bell before it was despatched from Europe to Australia by the Norddeutscher Lloyd early last year. The bell is an ingenious apparatus, operated electrically, which is fitted to the bottom of the vessel and also serves in receiving sounds sent from a submarine bell within a radius of about five miles.

Immediately after learning of the terrible plight of the imprisoned men in the F-4, Capt. Minnen and officers in the Pommern tried to get into communication with the under-water vessel. The apparatus was sounded, at the same time the receiving installation was attuned to catch the slightest sound. During the early hours of the evening the very faint tick in the receiver is said to have led an officer on watch to believe that an attempt was being made by the F-4 to forward a message by the regular naval code. The throbbing lasted for a few moments and then ceased. It was not repeated last night or today.

Submarine F-4 may lie disabled less than a mile from the harbor in more than 1500 feet of water is the opinion expressed by vessel masters and navigators who profess familiarity with the anchorage.

Capt. J. A. Macaulay, harbor pilot, has charts which indicate a decidedly uneven surface at the bottom. Beginning at the entrance to the channel a depth of less than 7 fathoms is shown. The water rapidly increases to 95 feet, another sounding indicating 150 feet, then 280 feet, while less than 300 feet away the sounding lines fall to reach bottom at 380 feet. At less than a quarter of a mile from the

## COAST TO SEND SHIPS TO RAISE SUBMARINE?

Unless a fleet of steamers and tugs now patrolling for the submarine succeed in grappling the vessel, within a short time, more powerful wrecking craft provided with a complete equipment for locating the sunken submarine will be rushed to the islands from the east or the west coast of the United States. The government will spare neither labor nor expense in finally raising the F-4. The board of naval engineers, it is said, will never let the destruction of the under-water fighter remain a mystery if the expenditure of time and money can solve the problem.

There are two or three big steamers now on the coast that are specially equipped to grapple with the submarine, no matter in what position it may be resting. The British cable ship Restorer, stationed in Pacific waters, is said to be provided with grappling devices and cable that is capable of reaching any depth to be found off the island of Oahu.

It was said this morning that orders despatch a better equipped steamer than the Alert to the assistance of the submarine had been sent after an authorization received from Washington.

## DILLINGHAM CO. DRAG COULD RAISE F-4 IF IT IS LOCATED, BELIEF

If the F-4 is located exactly and efforts are made to raise it, the B. F. Dillingham company probably will be called on to lend its powerful drag. This drag is one of the most powerful in the Honolulu harbor and has the special advantage of having a big sweep.

It is made up of a number of I-beams. The drag has been so constructed that it can spread mud and sand evenly on spots that have been irregularly dredged out. For this reason it can cover a large area at one sweep. It is believed that if the spot where the submarine is resting can be found this dredge will surely be able to pick it up.

At the Dillingham offices it was said that the dredging done on its projects had shown the treacherous character of the sea bottom around the harbor. It was said there are perilous and sudden drop-offs in many places. In some spots the depth may be 100 feet and a few feet away it may be 200 feet, with a straight drop from one ledge to another. Moreover, the current is of tremendous power, so that if the F-4 is resting on one ledge and is pulled off by the current, it may suffer a drop that would be disastrous.

last of the marking buoys, 1780 feet is recorded.

The place where the F-4 is supposed to have gone down is reported a graveyard for a number of ships' anchors and much valuable chain. The Japanese liner Hongkong Maru lost more than 500 feet of chain and a heavy mudhook where today steamers and tugs are patrolling. The United States battleship Oregon also dropped anchor and chain in one of the numerous crevices believed to fringe the coast of Oahu near the harbor entrance.

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## F-4 CAUGHT IN GREVICE, BELIEF OF HARBOR MEN

Seafaring men believe that the submarine has become disabled in collision with a barrier of bunch coral, declared to be found in vast quantities on the slopes off the quarantine anchorage. It is this material that has caused the loss of much property in the way of anchors and chain to steamship companies.

The local pilots have taken frequent soundings and found that while large stretches of sand were present, the coral proved a constant menace.

Hawaiians familiar with the reefs that fringe the shore near the quarantine anchorage, who have for years served as masters or have been employed on tugs and inter-island steamers, are positive that the submarine has lodged under the projecting ledge of a reef. They say that the contour of the surface under the water is much similar to that found along the hills adjoining Honolulu. Many precipices are topped by a projection that extends for many feet. Formed of jagged rock or coral, the submarine, it is believed, would have much difficulty in being extricated had it

## LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS ANXIOUS TO HELP

The resources of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce were put at the disposal of the navy department today in the search for the missing submarine.

Whatever the chamber can do or its members can do to assist the navy officers in their hunt for the F-4 will be done. If it is a matter of securing equipment, the chamber and the firms represented in its ranks, many of which are in shipping or construction businesses, will see that every bit of equipment possible is furnished.

"The Chamber of Commerce is ready to do anything that can be done," said Secretary Raymond C. Brown this morning. "We are communicating with those in charge of the search to see if any equipment is needed or any additional vessels."

once become firmly lodged in such a position.

All Dutch officers on furloughs were ordered to rejoin their regiments.

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